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CONSEQUENTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN SAHARA AIRLINES STAFF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up the issue of the consequential unemployment to a large number of employees including contract and non-technical staff working in Sahara Airlines on its management being taken over by Jet Airways after the sale agreement recently executed;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of employees likely to be affected;

(c) whether the Government has ensured an equitable percentage of the profit earned by Sahara Airlines from the sale towards granting reasonable compensation to the employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action taken up by the Government to safeguard the interest of the employees who are likely to lose employment by way of the sale proceed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Ministry of Labour and Employment has not received any complaint/report/dispute so far regarding termination of services of employees of erstwhile M/s Sahara Airlines.

(b) to (d): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(e): Safeguards to protect the interests of workers are provided under various Labour legislations like Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, Payment of Wages Act, 1936, Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, etc.